MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) and (*b*) The required information cannot be supplied as the period for which the statistics required has not been specified.

MR. E. E. PANDARATHIL: In answer to part (*a*) may I know when jenmikaram has been decided in favour of Government and if so the latest statistics available on the matter?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: If the number of years for which information is required is furnished, it will be possible to furnish the same.

MR. E. E. PANDARATHIL: Could not the figures up to last year be ascertained now?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: I am not in possession of the statistics just now. If the number of years for which information is needed is given, I would have come prepared with full information.

PRESIDENT: If the honourable member wants to know for a certain number of years, then he may give that information just now, and the answer may be furnished during the course of next two or three days.

MR. E. E. PANDARATHIL: I would like to get that information from 1108 onwards.

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: I will note that Sir.

Supply of rice and paddy.

60 ❋ **MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvella*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the steps so far taken by Government in the matter of adequate supply of rice and paddy to meet the requirements of the people of the State; and

(*b*) the steps so far taken by Government with a view to make the country self-sufficient in food materials?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) and (*b*) Government have informed the Regional Price and Supply Board, Madras, of the requirements of the State, and have obtained the necessary quota from the rice-producing areas in the Madras Presidency. A vigorous "food production drive" is also being carried on by the Department of Agriculture to increase local production by intensive as well as extensive cultivation.

Various other steps such as providing better facilities for irrigation, cultivating two crops on single crop lands, supplying manures, etc., are also being taken.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the steps taken by the Department of Agriculture or Government in the matter of extensive cultivation?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Sir, the Department of Agriculture is carrying on intensive campaign to carry out extensive cultivation and over 600 to 700 acres of land have been given to the co-operative societies for the cultivation of tapioca.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether any scheme has been inaugurated for leasing out swampy areas in the reserve forests for a prescribed period so that they may be cultivated

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under the advice of the Director of Agriculture as was stated on the floor of the House on a prior occasion?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: That question is under consideration. But no scheme has been formulated.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഇപ്പോഠം പരാജയപ്പെട്ടുകിടക്കുന്ന കോവാപ്പറേറീവു സൊസൈറിക്കളെമാത്രം ഈ ചുമതല ഏൽപ്പിക്കാനുള്ള കാരണമെന്താണ്?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: ഒരാൾക്കുതന്നെ വീതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്നതു ശരിയല്ലെന്നു വിചാരിച്ചു അനേകം ആളുകൾക്കുചേർന്നു കൃഷി ചെയ്യത്തക്കവണ്ണം കോവാപ്പറേറീവ് സൊസൈറികൾക്കു കൊടുത്തുവെന്നേയുള്ളൂ.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: കോവാപ്പറേറീവു സൊസൈറികൾതന്നെ പരാജയത്തിലാണെന്നു ദിവാൻ പ്രസിഡൻറ് അവർകൾ കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലത്തിൽ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചതായി മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള സൊസൈറികളെ നേരേയാക്കിക്കൊണ്ടു വരാമെന്നാണു എന്റെ പൂർണ്ണമായ വിശ്വാസം.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഈ വിശ്വാസത്തെ അടിസ്ഥാനമാക്കികൊണ്ടു പോകുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അടുത്തയാണ്ടിൽ നെല്ലു കിട്ടുകയില്ലെന്നുള്ള വിവരം മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Is it the opinion of the member that every place in Travancore at present has got sufficient area for the cultivation of rice and paddy crops?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: To some extent it is so.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether he has got any complaint from Quilon or its suburbs that they are not getting adequate rice and paddy?

PRESIDENT: I dealt with the matter yesterday. Evidently the honourable member was not present then. The fault is entirely that of the merchants of Quilon. They first made a false statement that railway wagons were not available. That was found out to be a lie. The railway authorities said that sufficient number of wagons are available but the merchants would not give the contract. If they go on and continue such practices, very severe steps will be taken against them.

Road from the Kochar road to the bathing ghat in the Killiyar

61 ***MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have sanctioned the opening of a road from the Kochar road to the bathing ghat in the Killiyar near the Parachira dam?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: No.

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